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THE SECOND CHAPTER OF THE TIMES!

NOW it came to pafs, that when MUM THRUMBO (*nick-named*) HONEST JOHN, had been an Elder over the SALOPIANS *Twelve Years*, that there arofe a Man of the Houfe of Attingham, The fame was a SALOPIAN, and his heart yearned to ferve his Towns-men if that it in him lay, as his Fore-fathers were wont to do.

2. Howbeit there were great diffentions among the chief Prieſts, and the Scribes, and the Rulers of the People: and MUM THRUMBO arofe morofe and furly, and he curfed the SALOPIAN with a grievous curfe.

3. But he had girded himfelf with the armour of Truth, and uprightnefs; fo that his curfes could not prevail, for he was requited good for evil.

4. Then THRUMBO lifted up his unmeaning *phiz*, and cryed unto the people faying chufe me,! chufe me,! But the people anfwered and faid, "*avaunt!*" haft thou not been our Member for *Twelve Years*,purging us with *fmall beer*, and caring not for us? Get thee behind us, thou worthleſs Man.

5. At this he grew wroth, and his fpirit was forely troubled within him, and he rolled his eyes in anguifh, and gnafhed his teeth, and faid, of a truth this Man will prevail! I will arife and go unto my Houfe, where I heretofore was wont to fojourn, and mourn in fackcloth and afhes.

6. And he went forth from the preſence of the People, and he haſted to his Houfe, and the window of his *Chamber being opened* towards the *Groves of the Graven Images*, he kneeled down and called upon his Brother three times a day, as he had done afore time.

7. And his Brother faid, "what woul'ft thou that I fhould do for thee?" Have I not fent my HARD MEASURE? and many falfe Prophets to fupport you, and deceive the people.?

8. And he anfwered and faid, Yea, of a truth I know it, but canft thou do no more that I may gain the Election?

9. Then his Brother arofe, and ordered his STEEDS to his CHARIOT, that he may fojourn with the SALOPIANS for a time, and he ſtirred up much ſtrife among the People, for many days; and opened Houfes, and the Sons of *Belial* were filled with his Liquor, and fwallowed large *boluſſes* of *Beef* and *rebellion* againſt their Towns-man many days.

10. Then they brought fourth a Book, and came to the SHOPS, STALLS, CELLARS and BYE PLACES; and faid "ſign your names," and many made a ✕

11. Nevertheleſs the SALOPIAN grew in the eſteem of every wiſe and good Man, and many who had been led away returned and wept bitterly, That it may be fulfilled which is written "And a Stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of Strangers."

12. Now the reſt of the Acts and proceedings of this Election, and the Shouts of

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are they not to be ſeen and heard all over SHREWSBURY. To whom be aſcribed the honor and praiſe, for all the generoſity now ſeen amongſt us, and may he overcome his Enemies both now and evermore-

Amen,

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